

## **Let Us Pray Together**

**There is great power in collectively raising our voices in prayer! As we are all feeling more isolated and are asked to self-quarantine, let us bring our community together in one, powerful voice. We invite you to join in this communal prayer:**

**When: Every day at 9:00 AM EST.**

**Where: Your location!** (print it out and take it with you anywhere)

**How:** If able, light a candle or just sit quietly. Take a minute to be at peace. When ready, we offer this prayer:

**Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” Come to our aid now, that we may experience your healing love.**

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of **all** people. May they know your peace, as they work globally together.

Be with those who are isolated from friends and family, those who are sick, those in nursing homes and those who are alone. May they feel your peace.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace.

**Jesus Christ, heal us!**

May we who are merely inconvenienced, remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have the luxury of working from home, remember those who must choose between preserving their health or going out for an essential pay check.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close, remember those who have no options or school.

May we who are losing our margin money, remember those who have no margin.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home, remember those who have no home.

**As fear grips our country, let us choose love.**

**During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. Jesus Christ be with us!**

**Amen.**

Pope Francis prayer to Mary regarding the Coronavirus:

<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2020/03/11/read-pope-francis-prayer-mary-coronavirus-pandemic>